

IMPACT REPORT

AKRON MARATHON RACE SERIES

PRESENTED BY



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ABOUT US

In 1999, planning began for a world-class running marathon in Akron. The idea for the event was seeded years earlier when Akron businessman and community leader Steve Marks ran his first marathon in Columbus in 1985. That experience gave him a first-hand view of the potential for a sporting event to boost community pride, involvement and unity while contributing to that community's health, quality of life and economic vitality.

With the help of his wife Jeannine and the support of many others, Steve began his journey to establish the Akron Marathon. For the next three years, he and his team worked with a legion of volunteers to research the best practices of some of the nation's top races. Numerous committees worked to plan the preparation and implementation of the race, addressing myriad details associated with the logistics of a marathon: traffic control, runner safety, registration, course selection, water stations, runner transportation and much more.

In 2002, the Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation was established. A year later on October 11, 2003, the Akron Marathon made its debut. In its first year, a total of 3,775 runners participated and more than 3,000 volunteers handled the mountain of details that would impress runners and bring them back to Akron again. Today, the Akron Marathon hosts over 12,000 participants annually as part of the Akron Marathon Race Series.

PARTICIPATION:



12,568 In-Person
993 Series

11,844
Expo Attendees



909
Kids Fun Run



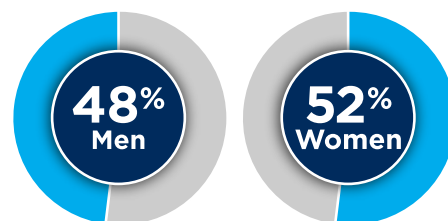
1,172
Volunteers
(5,800 Volunteer Hours)

LOCALS VS. TOURISTS:



Average Miles
Traveled to Race:
99-miles

DEMOGRAPHICS:



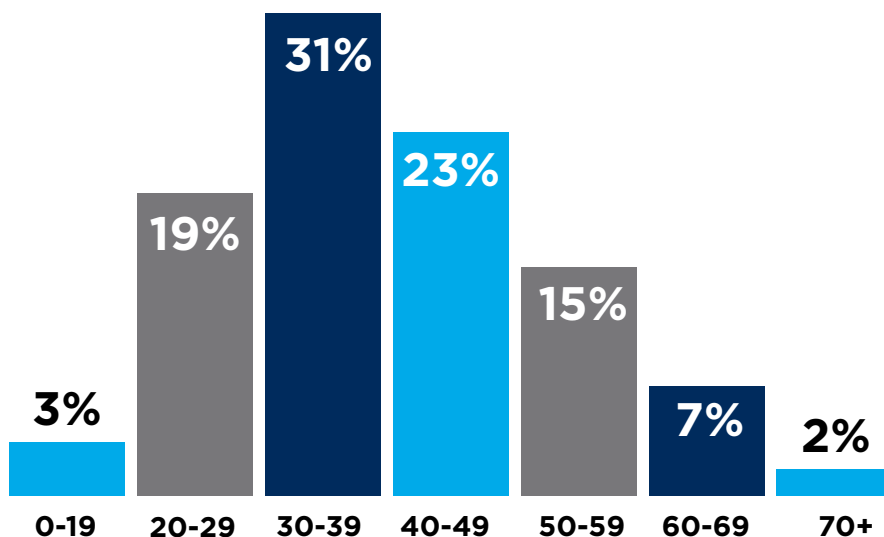
0.2% - Non-Binary/Gender Non-Conforming

Race/Ethnicity



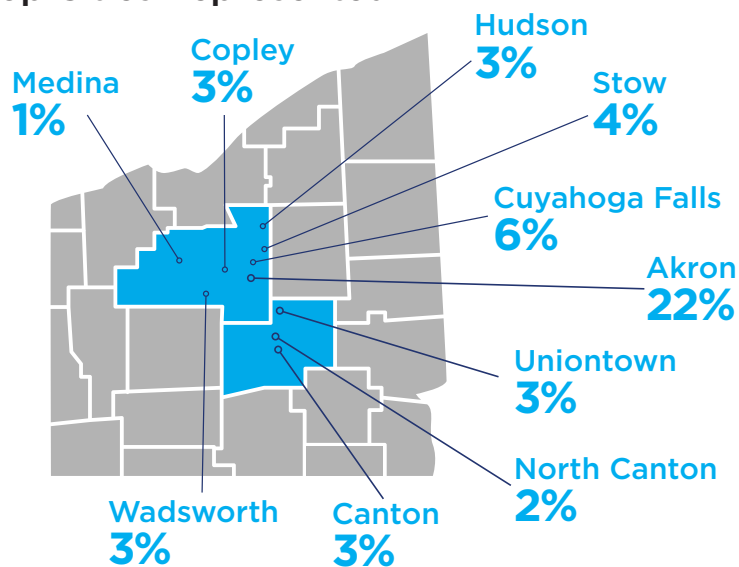
BIPOC - 11%
White - 81%
Prefer Not to Say - 8%

AGE BREAKDOWN:

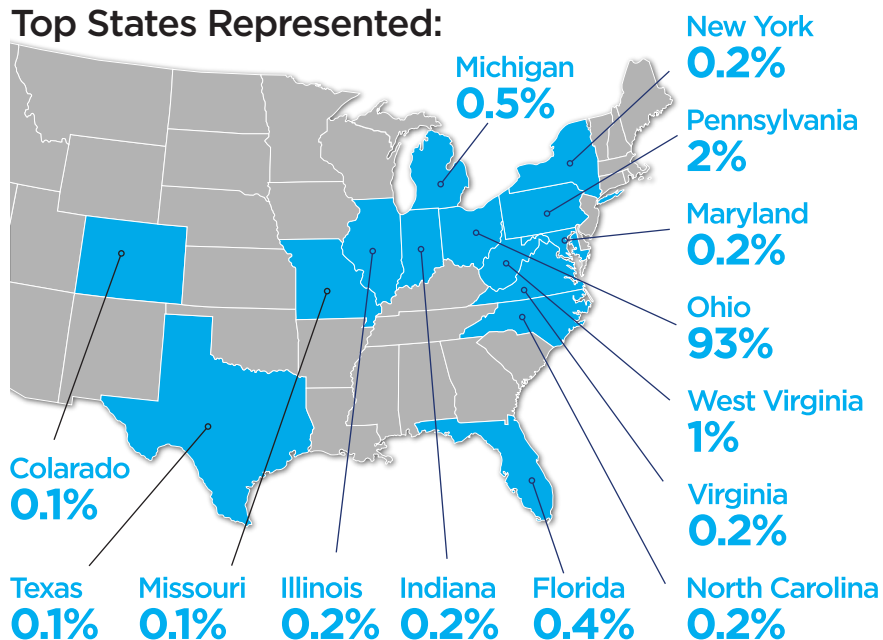


The 2025 Akron Marathon Race Series saw participation from 7 Countries and 45 States.

Top Cities Represented:



Top States Represented:



Mission, Vision & Impact of Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation

The mission of the Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation, a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is to provide a world-class marathon that promotes health, fitness and economic development, galvanizes the community and benefits charitable organizations. Our vision is to create and manage dynamic, customer-centric events and programs that deliver opportunities to promote active lifestyles for all.

Through the Akron Marathon Race Series and related events, the organization is:

- Contributing to the health and fitness of thousands of Summit County residents and event participants, especially youth and economically challenged individuals
- Building civic pride, volunteerism and community
- Raising over \$6 million for charitable nonprofit organizations through fundraising opportunities
- Generating an annual economic impact of \$6 million to the Greater Akron area
- Enhancing the image of Akron and Summit County



SUPPORTING NON-PROFITS AND OUR COMMUNITY

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Charity: The Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation is pleased to fulfill its mission of supporting local and regional charities. To date, over \$6 million has been raised through the net proceeds of its events, runner donations, and our Charity Partner Programs.

To become a charity partner or to learn more visit akronmarathon.org/charitypartners.

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RUNNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Akron Marathon Blue Line Runnership Program provides complimentary race entries to eligible individuals and nonprofit organizations, helping remove financial barriers and expand access to healthy, active lifestyles. This program supports physical and mental well-being while fostering an inclusive running community across the Akron Marathon Race Series presented by Summa Health.

To learn more visit akronmarathon.org/runnership.

BENEFITTING CHARITIES*

- ACCESS
- ADM Board, County of Summit
- Akron Area YMCA
- Akron Art Museum
- Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank
- Akron Children's Hospital
- Akron Community Foundation
- Akron Snow Angels
- Akron Symphony Orchestra
- Akron Urban League
- Akron Zoo
- ALS Association
- Alzheimer's Association of Greater East Ohio Area Chapter
- American Cancer Society
- American Diabetes Association
- American Heart Association
- American Lung Association
- American Red Cross of Summit County
- Angelman Syndrome Foundation
- Boys & Girls Club
- Breakthrough T1D
- Building for Tomorrow
- Camp Christopher
- CANAPI
- Caring for Kids, Inc.
- Carve Your Own Path
- CASA/GAL Association for Children
- Cascade Locks Park Association
- Case Western Reserve University - School of Medicine
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland
- Child Guidance and Family Solutions
- Cleveland Family Center for Missing Children and Adults
- Compassion Delivered
- Craines Cholangiocarcinoma Crew
- Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Dapper Dan Club of Akron
- Donate Life
- Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio
- Downtown Akron Partnership
- Dragon Boat Dream Team
- Ears to You
- Empowering Epilepsy
- Family Promise
- Family Services of Summit County
- First Serve
- Girls on the Run Northeast Ohio
- Golden Treasures Golden Retriever Rescue
- Goodwill Industries
- Grace House Akron
- Great Trail Council
- The Greyson Creed Foundation
- Habitat for Humanity of Summit County
- Haslinger Family PPCC
- Hattie Larlham Foundation
- Haven of Rest
- Heal Education Activities, Ltd
- The Heart Association
- Heart to Heart Communications
- Hope and Healing Survivor Resource Center
- Hospice Care
- Hospice of Western Reserve
- Humane Society of Summit County
- IBH Addiction Recovery
- Interval Brotherhood Home
- Junior Achievement
- Juvenile Diabetes Association
- Lake Community Hope
- Leadership Akron
- The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Life Act
- Melina Michelle Edenfield Foundation
- Moms on Target
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- National Breast Cancer Research
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Oak Clinic
- Ohio Erie Canalway Coalition
- One of a Kind Pet Rescue
- Open M
- The Packard Institute
- Patriot Runners
- Pawsitive Ohio/Pawsitive Hope
- Prevention Action Alliance
- Project Learn
- Project Outrun
- RAHAB Ministries
- Reach Opportunity Center at Summit Lake
- Ronald McDonald House Akron
- Rotary Club of Akron
- Running2bWell
- Salvation Army
- Shaw JCC
- Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens
- Stephen A. Comunale Foundation
- Stewart's Caring Place
- Summit County Education Initiative
- Summit Metro Parks Foundation
- Tarry House
- Torchbearers
- Trample ALS
- United Disability Services
- United Way of Summit County
- The University of Akron Foundation
- Victim Assistance
- Victory Gallop, Inc.
- Wheels4Change
- Wigs for Kids

*This list represents a comprehensive list of benefitting charities from 2003-2025.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- **KultureCity**
Became the world's first sensory inclusive marathon, 2019
- **RaceRaves.com**
Selected as a runner-up in a poll for Best Half Marathons in the U.S., 2019
- **Sports Destination Management**
Champion of Economic Impact – Small Market, 2017
- **Active.com**
Best Race Day Medals, 2017
- **Find My Marathon.com**
Best Mid-Sized Marathon & Best Organized Marathon, 2016
- **Council of Responsible Sport**
Gold Certification 2014; Silver Certification, 2012
- **Summit of Sustainability Award**
Award recipient for greening efforts, 2013, 2015
- **Dominion and Inside Business Magazine**
Community Impact Award, 2012, 2014
- **Runner's World**
Recognized as a Race with Sweet Swag, 2012
- **Running USA**
Ranked as the largest marathon relay in the U.S., 2011
- **Runner's World**
Selected as a runner-up in reader's choice category for Best Value, 2010
- **Runner's World**
Selected as one of the Top 10 Newer Marathons, 2008
- **USA Track & Field**
Hosted Women's 8 km Championship, 2008
- **Marathonguide.com**
Ranked as one of the Fastest Growing Marathons, 2006

2026

RACE SERIES DATES



**Acme Fresh
Market Foundation**
8k & 1 Mile
June 27, 2026



HALF | 10K

Goodyear
Half Marathon & 10k
August 8, 2026

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**Akron Marathon
Kids Fun Run**
Sept. 25, 2026



MARATHON
HALF | RELAY

**FirstEnergy Akron
Marathon, Half Marathon
& Team Relay**
Sept. 26, 2026